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1. ON JUNE 14, WE RECEIVED A NOTE FROM WORKERS' DEFENSE
COMMITTEE MEMBER WACLAW ZAWADZKI DATED JUNE 14 ASKING
THAT WE TRANSMIT TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE BELGRADE
CONFERENCE A DECLARATION OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 5. THE CARBON COPY WE RECEIVED BEARS THE
TYPED NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:
JERZY ANDRZEJEWSKI, STANISLAW BARANCZAK, BOGDAN BORUSEWICZ,
LUDWIK COHN, STEFAN KACZOROWSKI, ANKA KOWALSKA, EDWARD
LIPINSKI, HALINA MIKOLAJSKA, EMIL MORGIEWICZ, WOJCIECH
ONYSZKIEWICZ, ANTONI PAJDAK, JOZEF RYBICKI, JOZEF
SRENIOWSKI, ANIELA STEINSBERGOWA, ADAM SZCZYPIORSKI,
WACLAW ZAWADZKI, KS. JAN ZIEJA, WOJCIECH ZIEMBINSKI.

2. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE DECLARATION FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE: ON JUNE 15, 1977, THERE WILL BE A
MEETING IN BELGRADE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIGNATORY
COUNTRIES OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY
AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, SIGNED IN HELSINKI ON JULY 1
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(SIC), 1975.

THE FINAL ACT OF THAT CONFERENCE INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS
AIMED AT "FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION
OF ALL KINDS AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES..."

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IS A
SIGNATORY OF THIS ACT.

RECENTLY, THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF THE PPR RATIFIED THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN ON DECEMBER 16, 1966. THEREBY, THE RESOLUTIONS OF THAT PACT BECAME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LEGISLATION BINDING IN POLAND.

ARTICLE 19, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE COVENANT STATES: " EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION; THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE FREEDOM TO SEEK, POSSESS, AND SUPPLY INFORMATION AND OPINIONS OF ALL KINDS, WITHOUT LIMITATIONS, THROUGH SPEECH, WRITING, OR PRINTING."

THESE PRINCIPLES UNFORTUNATELY ARE NOT YET REALIZED IN OUR COUNTRY.

BETWEEN MAY 14 AND 19, 1977, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND COLLABORATORS OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE WERE ARRESTED: W. ARKUSZEWSKI, S. BLUMSZTAJN, M. CHOJECKI, J. KURON, J.J. LIPSKI, J. LITYNSKI, A. MACIEREWICZ, A. MICHNIK, P. NAIMSKI, H. OSTROWSKA, AND W. OSTROWSKI.

THE ARRESTED WERE ACCUSED OF COMMITTING CRIMES HARMING THE INTERESTS OF THE POLISH STATE, AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLES 132, 271, AND 273 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE. JUDGING BY PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS AS WELL AS THE STATEMENT OF THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROCURATOR-GENERAL OF THE PPR IN A TELEVISION PROGRAM ON JUNE 1, 1977, THE ALLEGED CRIMES CONSISTED OF COLLECTING, SUPPLYING, AND SPREADING INFORMATION DOMESTICALLY AS WELL THROUGH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN ALIEN MEDIA OF MASS COMMUNICATION.

ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE
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DECLARED IN ALL ITS COMMUNIQUE IS TO REVEAL TO PUBLIC OPINION ACTS OF REPRESSION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKERS' PROTEST OF JUNE 25, 1976, AND VIOLATIONS OF THEIR RIGHTS.

THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE ALSO MADE PUBLIC THE FACTS ABOUT HARASSMENT AND PERSECUTION OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED THE WORKERS.

ALL THE INFORMATION PRESENTED WAS TRUE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. ITS PUBLICATION WAS DICTATED BY THE CONVICTION THAT PUBLICIZING THE EVENTS IGNORED BY THE OFFICIAL MASS MEDIA SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE IMPRISONMENT OF THE MEMBERS AND COLLABORATORS OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE ON THE CHARGES MENTIONED ABOVE CONSTITUTES A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, AS WELL AS THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE.

UNDERTAKING THIS KIND OF POLITICAL REPRESSION ON THE EVE OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE CAUSES HARM TO THE

GOOD NAME OF THE STATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM. END
QUOTE.
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